IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system ~~configured to facilitate~~ for ~~building a batch test environment~~ testing software under development, said system comprising:

a batch on-line builder configured to build a test job schedule based on a predefined sequence in which a plurality of batch test jobs are to be executed;

a batch test job converter configured to convert ~~a batch type of~~ said plurality of batch test jobs from batch message processing (BMP) steps into data language one (DL1) steps;

a data modifier configured to modify data extracted from a production database to mask confidential information; and,

a master test database configured to store said modified data, said modified data being accessible by said converted plurality of batch test jobs during testing of said software under development ~~facilitate data extract and load process for said test job~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said batch test job converter is further configured to convert said plurality of batch test jobs [[types]] by ~~being configured to~~ remov[[e]]ing restrictions imposed by a limited number of information management system (IMS) regions available for testing.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said <u>batch test</u> job converter is further configured to convert <u>said plurality of</u> batch <u>test jobs</u> [[types]] by <s>being configured to</s> defining datastores.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said batch on-line builder is further configured to build <u>said</u> test job[[s]] <u>schedule</u> by <s>being configured to</s> build<u>ing</u> at least one of a data environment and a list of test jobs.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said batch on-line builder is further configured to build <u>said</u> test job[[s]] <u>schedule</u> by <s>being configured to</s> scan<u>ning</u> production batch schedules to build a test <u>batch</u> schedule.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said master test database is further configured to store sets of previously created test data.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said master test database is further configured to store previously created batch test environments.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said <s>master test database</s> <u>data modifier</u> [[is]] further <u>includes</u> <s>configured to facilitate unload and load process of a</s>

~~test job by being incorporating~~ a configurable search engine <u>operable to search said</u>

<u>production database based on specified criteria</u>.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~facilitating the building of a batch test~~

~~environment~~ <u>testing software under development</u>, said method ~~including~~ <u>comprising</u>:

building a test job <u>schedule based on a predefined sequence in which a plurality of</u>

<u>batch test jobs are to be executed</u>;

converting ~~a batch type of~~ said <u>plurality of batch</u> test job<u>s from batch message</u>

<u>processing (BMP) steps into data language one (DL1) steps</u>;

<u>modifying data extracted from a production database to mask confidential</u>

<u>information</u>; and,

~~unloading and loading said test job~~ <u>storing said modified data in a database, said</u>

<u>modified data being accessible by said converted plurality of batch test jobs during testing</u>

<u>of said software under development</u>.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ <u>method</u> of claim 1<u>0</u>, wherein said converting

<u>said plurality of</u> batch <u>test jobs</u> ~~types~~ includes removing restrictions imposed by <u>a</u> limited

number of <u>information management system (IMS)</u> regions available for testing.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ <u>method</u> of claim 1<u>0</u>, wherein said converting

<u>said plurality of</u> batch <u>test jobs</u> ~~types~~ includes defining datastores.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ <u>method</u> of claim 1<u>0</u>, wherein said building a test job <u>schedule</u> includes at least one of building a data environment and building a list of test jobs.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ <u>method</u> of claim 1<u>0</u>, wherein <u>said</u> building <u>a</u> test job[[s]] <u>schedule</u> includes scanning production batch schedules to build a test <u>batch</u> schedule.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ <u>method</u> of claim 1<u>0</u>, further including storing sets of previously created test data.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ <u>method</u> of claim 1<u>0</u>, further including storing previously created batch environments.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ <u>method</u> of claim 1<u>0</u>, wherein said <u>modifying data</u> ~~unloading and loading said test job~~ includes configuring a search engine <u>operable to search said production database based on specified criteria</u>.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~facilitating the building of a batch test environment~~ <u>testing software under development</u>, said method ~~including~~ <u>comprising</u>:

building a test job <u>schedule based on a predefined sequence in which a plurality of batch test jobs are to be executed</u>;

building a data environment;

building a list of test jobs;

converting said plurality of batch test jobs from batch message processing (BMP) steps into data language one (DL1) steps;

modifying data extracted from said production database to mask confidential information; and,

unloading and loading said test job storing said modified data in a database, said modified data being accessible by said converted plurality of batch test jobs during testing of said software under development.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating the building of a batch test environment testing software under development, said method including comprising:

scanning building a test schedule based on a plurality of production batch schedules to build a test schedule, said test schedule defining a plurality of batch test jobs and a sequence in which said plurality of batch test jobs are to be executed;

building a test job based on said test schedule;

converting said plurality of batch test jobs from batch message processing (BMP) steps into data language one (DL1) steps;

modifying data extracted from said production database to mask confidential information; and,

unloading and loading said test job storing said modified data in a database, said modified data being accessible by said converted plurality of batch test jobs during testing of said software under development.